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SUBJECT:GREEK-TURKISH TALKS ON CYPRUS

1. DURING DECEMBER 4 CALL ON SISCO, GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS MENTIONED THAT, AS A GOODWILL GESTURE, HIS COUNTERPART IN ANKARA, COSMADOPOULOS, HAD SEEN TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL DECEMBER 3 TO BRIEF HIM ON RESULTS OF CARAMANLIS-MAKARIOS TALKS. ALEXANDRAKIS INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT, SPECIFICALLY, COSMADOPOULOS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STATE, BUT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY A REPORT ON PART OF THE CONVERSATION.

2. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, ESENBEL CLAIMED DENKTASH IS HIGHLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT MAKARIOS' RETURN TO CYPRUS AND, PARTICULARLY, ABOUT ITS EFFECT ON THE CLIMATE OF THE TALKS WITH CLERIDES. DENKTASH IS CONSIDERING WHETHER, AFTER MAKARIOS' RETURN, HE SHOULD SEEK TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP WHO, IN THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT VIEW, WILL BE THE REAL NEGOTIATOR, OR WHETHER HE SHOULD

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APPOINT SOMEONE ELSE TO CARRY ON THE DISCUSSIONS WITH

THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS.

3. ACCORDING TO ALEXANDRAKIS, GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY
REGARDS ESENBEL'S COMMENTS ON DENKTASH'S APPREHENSIONS AS

A CLUMSY SUBTERFUGE BY TURKS TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY TO
TURKISH-CYPRIOTS OF WHAT HAPPENS OR DOES NOT HAPPEN ON
QUESTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. KISSINGER

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